

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CHOW, Mina, et al.

Serial No.: 10/676,616

Filed: 30 September 2003

For: DEFLECTABLE CATHETER  
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF MAKING  
SAME

Group Art Unit: 3767

Examiner: Gray, Phillip A.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

With regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed 19 June 2006, please take the following action.

**Restriction requirement**

The examiner has identified, in his view, eight separate and distinct inventions within the claims of the above-identified patent application, namely:

**Group I.** Claims 1-28, 115-122, 127, 128, 132 and 133, drawn to a deflectable catheter comprising a tendon located off-center, classified in Class 604, Subclass 093.010 or 95.04;

**Group II.** Claims 29-56 and 134, drawn to a deflectable catheter comprising a needle and needle tube, classified in Class 604, Subclass 093.010;

**Group III.** Claims 57-64, 135 and 136, drawn to a catheter with a stiffening outer sheath, classified in Class 604, Subclass 524;

**Group IV.** Claims 65-68, 123, 124, 129-131 and 137, drawn to a deflectable catheter with an anchor hook, classified in Class 604, Subclass 103.3;

**Group V.** Claims 69-75, drawn to a deflectable catheter comprising a movable inner and outer housing, classified in Class 604, Subclass 95.03;

**Group VI.** Claims 76-85, 125 and 126, drawn to a deflectable catheter comprising a plurality of tendons, classified in Class 604, Subclass 95.04;

**Group VII.** Claims 86-95, drawn to a deflectable catheter with a compression cage, classified in Class 604, Subclass 103.09; and,

**Group VIII.** Claims 96-114, drawn to a method of making a deflectable catheter with an off-center tendon, classified in Class 604, Subclass 500.

**Applicants' election**

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-28, 115-122, 127, 128, 132 and 133, drawn to a deflectable catheter comprising a tendon located off-center, classified in Class 604, Subclass 093.010 or 95.04.

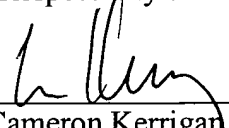
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due with this response. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount due to Squire, Sanders & Dempsey Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

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